Governor's Education Excellence Commission Tuesday, November 9, 2010 Capitol Board Room 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Governor Gary Herbert, Chair

2. Members attending:

Governor Gary R. Herbert

Mary Jane Morris
Debra Roberts
Ilene Mecham
Sen. Pat Jones
Lane Beattie

Bonnie Jean Beesley Sen. Howard Stephenson

Jim Wall
Robyn Bagley
Ron Wolff
Pam Perlich
Tamara Lowe
Sen. Luz Robles
Sen. David Litvack
Scott Anderson

Lt. Governor Greg Bell

Mike Bouwhuis
Bill Sederburg
Mark Bouchard
Larry Shumway
Kim Campbell
Carl Boyington
Chris Kearl
Stan Albrecht
Deborah Bayle
Mary Jane Morris
Bill Sederburg

Members excused

Brian Allen Luana Searle Rich Nelson Greg Hughes

3. Moderator- Salt Lake Chamber President-Lane Beattie

- A. Minutes approved for October 12, 2010 meeting
- B. Summary of last meeting:

The Commission conducted an open discussion to review the Vision Statement, and made several changes. They reviewed the five (5) imperatives in the Action Plan.

4. Discussion of Action Plan

Adoption by Utah State Board of Education-Presented by Larry Shumway Adoption by UCAT-Presented by Mike Bouwhuis Adoption by State Board of Regents-Presented by David Jordan

5. Adoption of Action Plan

Discussion and approval of Action Plan Executive Summary

2020 Vision Statement: By 2020 and thereafter, at least 66% of Utahans' ages 20-64 will have a postsecondary degree or certificate, ensuring for well-educated workforce citizenry and that meets the needs of Utah employers leading to a greater economic prosperity and a better quality of life.

Summary of the imperatives and steps upon which the Committee recommends action during the upcoming legislative session.

- 1. Bolster Early Childhood Education
- 2. Improve Instructional Quality and Curricular Alignments
- 3. Strengthen Postsecondary Education
- 4. Align Educational Attainment and Vocational Training with Economic Development
- 5. Utilize Technology to Effectively Accomplish Strategic Imperatives

Steps to pursue in 2011 based upon cost effectiveness and value <u>that do not impact current per pupil funding</u>, which the Commission recognizes as the first and highest priority in education.

- 1. Restore Optional Extended-Day Kindergarten
- 2. Support the State Board's plan to build instruction and assessment programs to achieve 90% proficiency in 3rd grade reading and 6th grade math; the first step is to reinstate K-3 Literacy Program.
- 3. Begin the implementation of the Common Core Standards
- 4. Expand computer-adaptive, formative assessments based on the Common Core and implement and college-and career-ready assessments such as the ACT cadre of tests.
- 5. Finalize and implement a mission-based funding system for all Utah institutions of higher education
- 6. Encourage the State Board of Education, the State Board of Regents, the UCAT Board of Trustees, and the Department of Workforce Services to improve internal alignments with the Common Core, student career pathways, and general education requirements and extend alignments to Utah's Economic Clusters and workforce needs, particularly in STEM-related subject matter.
- 7. Encourage the State Board of Education, the State Board of Regents, the UCAT Board of Trustees, and the Department of Workforce Services to produce plans to build upon and expand private industry/public education partnerships such as UCAP.

8. Create and fund an imitative to build an online system that will provide high school seniors with the opportunity to complete college general education requirements built on Common Core Standards.

Meeting Adjourned